

PTA The Torrance Council Way

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October is membership month for the Parent-Teacher Association. All units are working diligently on their drives, with such slogans as "Let's Climb the Matterhorn Together." The last report showed a total of 13,322 members in Torrance Council.

There are still two lectures of the Parent Education "You Can Have a Better Marriage" series: October 19, Sex in Marriage; Oct. 26, Loyalties in Marriage. These lectures are given in the Torrance Night School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

COUNCIL

A resume of the Dental Health Association in Torrance was the point of interest at the Torrance Council PTA board meeting held Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the YWCA. Mrs. Ralph McBee and Jim Becker, manager Southern California Gas Company, Torrance, were speakers representing the Association. The Council voted to cooperate with this organization during the coming year.

During the business meeting it was decided to issue a unit Parent Education Award similar to the program awards. The following chairmen were ratified: Mrs. Glenn Grimsley, Newslette; Mrs. Lester Oswald, Co-Newslette; and Mrs. Gordon Stephen, budget and finance.

CRENSHAW

Crenshaw Elementary PTA presented Dr. Maurine W. Sellstrom as the featured speaker at the first regular business meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Sellstrom's topic was "The Ways We Fail Our Children."

PERRY

In keeping with its theme "Under the Big Top with Perry," the Perry PTA opened its October association meeting in the school cafeteria with a program entitled "The First Reading."

Mrs. Margaret Denmarsh, curriculum consultant for the Torrance Unified School District, presented the "Squiggle Primer," written by Dr. McKee. It is a very special reading presentation involving adults in the demonstration. The Perry School Band played several musical selections under the direction of James Davidson.

PARKWAY

"Building a 2000 Man Team" was discussed by Robert C. Morton, director of personnel for the Torrance Unified School District, at the meeting of the Parkway Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association Thursday, Oct. 15, 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Hillside

John Strom, principal, opened the doors of Hillside school Sept. 24 to welcome all parents to the school's fifth year of progress.

Parents and teachers became better acquainted at the Coffee Hour directed by Mrs. L. Nichols.

Exhibits created by Mrs. Carl Hildebrand showed the accomplishments of Hillside PTA during the five years and its goals for the future.

Autumn leaves were used to decorate at the luncheon given by Hillside PTA board to welcome the new teachers and John Strom, principal.

Mrs. J. A. Beasley and Mrs. Violette Caldwell were congratulated on their 10 year services with the Torrance Unified School district.

Halldale

"Getting to Know You" was the theme of the Halldale PTA meeting held Oct. 13 in the school auditorium. Background music of the same title was provided by Mrs. Max Sais, music chairman.

Mrs. Judson Bowers, president, conducted the meeting and Mrs. Amanda Wilhelm, principal, announced that the annual Halloween Parade will be held Oct. 30, at 9:30.

After the parade the children will be entertained by Parky the Kangaroo, who will give a humorous skit on learning to keep your city clean and not be a litterbug. Mr. Warnock, from the L.A. City Recreational Parks Dept. will accompany Parky.

An "Ant Farm" was presented to the class with the greatest percentage of parent attendance. This is a rotating prize and is passed on after each meeting's attendance is counted.

YUKON

Room Mothers are organized for the school year, states Mrs. Joseph Fletcher, room representative chairman of Yukon PTA. Thirty-two "mothers" attended the first meeting held in the music room on Oct. 1. Parties and other room activities were scheduled. Mrs. James Oliver, co-chairman, and Richard Brown, principal, assisted Mrs. Fletcher with the morning meeting.

TORRANCE HIGH

The Torrance High School PTA Executive Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the school. Mrs. Robert Moffitt, president, announced PTA brochures are being sent to the homes of all students. They contain a complete program of all school activities as well as PTA program for the year. The theme is "Getting to Know You."

MAGRUDER

Magruder PTA program for the year: The Magic Circle . . . Home, School, Community, Oct. 14—"Be a Buddy in the Friendship Circle;" Nov. 12—"Faith, the Magic Link;" Dec. 9—"A Christmas Circle of Good Will;" Jan. 13—"The Magic of Knowledge;" Feb. 10—"Our Honor Circle;" March 9—"The Magic Twosome . . . Your Child and Health;" April 13—"Youth and the Expanding Circle;" May 11—"Magic of the Sea;" June 8—"Completing the Circle with Fun-Family Picnic." Sixteen teachers and the principal, Mr. Edwin Brown, were honored at a luncheon on Sept. 8 in the school cafeteria by the PTA board members.

On October 14, the Magruder PTA held its first meeting of the new year in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

COLUMBIA

Columbia School for Mentally Retarded Children resumed PTA activities with the September meeting. Members of Girl Scout Troop 37, comprised of Columbia pupils, led the flag ceremony.

Plans for a Spaghetti Dinner and White Elephant Sale to be held in the school cafeteria Oct. 27 were discussed. The public is invited to attend the affair.

New board members were presented: Mrs. James Wooters, hospitality; Mrs. Jewell Trumbo, courtesy; Mrs. Orville Markles, room representative; Mrs. Glen Schrivner, education; Harold Ritz, membership; William Kanatsky, Newslette.

Refreshments prepared by Columbia Homemaking classes were served.



YOU ARE INVITED . . . Sandra La Fontaine, 5, and Pamela La Fontaine, 7, hold up an invitation poster to the public to attend the annual Walteria PTA carnival to be held next Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31, at the Walteria school. There will be fun for all ages.

Sepulveda

Sepulveda PTA membership drive has come to a successful conclusion. At the meeting Oct. 15, the prize winning rooms were announced. They were Mrs. Lebold's first grade and Mrs. Merrill's fifth grade. Mrs. Hubert Bailey, president, announced that full length movies will be shown once a month at the school. Profits will be used to purchase books for the school library.

Mr. Ehr Gott's seventh grade room received the trophy this month for having the most parents present at the meeting. Mrs. Robert Whitney, first vice president, announced the program, "Learning with Civilian Defense."

A tape, "Brainwashing of Korean Prisoners" was played for the group by Warrant Officer Thomas McMahill of the United States Navy. Officer McMahill is a resident of the Sepulveda School district.

Carl Steele

Dean Cromwell, USC track coach, received a standing ovation as guest speaker at the recent Carl Steele PTA.

Cromwell, known as "Dean of the Olympics," gave a most inspiring talk on "Looking Toward the 1960 Olympics." "To be a good athlete one must practice daily, eat sensibly and get plenty of rest. Athletics build strong bodies, develop the mind and cleanse the soul," said Cromwell. He was a fine, humorous and thoroughly interesting speaker.

PTA president, Mrs. John Hubacek, conducted the meeting. Scoutmaster Harold Edner's Scout Troop 703 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. John Lambert gave the inspirational. The Steele Belles provided the entertainment under the direction of Mrs. Lorman Griffith.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

South High

South High PTA will meet Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. "New Offering at South High" will be the program for the evening.

John Lucas, principal, welcomed the parents at the first meeting of the year. Mrs. A. H. Noeth read the program for the year and the budget was approved.

J. W. Morgan, assistant principal, spoke on group conferences and Haig Marashlian, assistant principal, spoke on the instructional program at South High.

Miss Jane Holliday, psychologist for the cooperating Southwest District, report on her recent tour and answer questions regarding the hospital. Children will be entertained with movies in another room during this period.

Narbonne

Narbonne high school faculty was entertained recently by the school's PTA executive board at a coffee hour.

"Narbonne is becoming an academic school, with more students going to college," Mr. Herbert Morey, principal, told members of the executive board at a business meeting the first week of school. He gave the school enrollment as 2,231, with a faculty of 94. Mrs. Evelyn Price, girls' vice-principal, announced plans for an orientation night for parents of B-10 students Sept. 29. The resignation of Mrs. D. G. Cheek as auditor was accepted. Mrs. Cheek, a past president, is

moving with her husband to Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Earl Burris was appointed by Mrs. David P. Goolsby, president, to represent Narbonne PTA on the Palos Verdes Coordinating Council. Mrs. Ed Holloway was ratified as hospitality chairman for 1959-60.

Fleming

Fleming Junior High PTA Executive Board was hostess to the Fleming faculty for coffee hour on Sept. 11.

P. E. Turner, principal, announced to the Board that a regular physical education program would be maintained this year even though the school will be under construction.

The school will have what is known as "hash line" cafeteria service — types of food which can be served through a pass-through window as there is not adequate seating facilities in the temporary cafeteria building.

The board accepted the resignations of two chairmen; Mrs. Louis Funk, magazines, and Mrs. James McClelland, civil defense.

The following new chairmen for the 1959-60 year were ratified: Mrs. Harold J. McNeel, co-ways and means; Mrs. H. G. Portman, Jr., co-ways and means; Mrs. Alfred Mayo, representative; Mrs. Clarence Berry, juvenile protection; Mrs. Vernon Cole, school edu-

cation; Mrs. W. Wagenseil Newslette distribution; Mrs. James Berry, Palos Verdes coordinating council; Mrs. Joseph Butler, Narbonne coordinating council; Mrs. J. L. Mc Minn, magazines, and Mrs. Leonard Loy, health.

It was decided to send a monetary gift to Tenth District in memorial of Mr. Kar Renius, faculty member, who passed away recently.

The board voted to sponsor Girl Scout Troop 643.

The first PTA meeting will be held in the school auditorium Oct. 27 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. It will be a welcome tea with classroom visitation after the meeting. The Harbor City-Lomita area will be hostess.

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HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES . . . A costume parade at 1 p.m. will highlight the giant Halloween carnival at the Seaside school under the sponsorship of the PTA next Saturday. The Carnival begins at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m. Modeling their costumes are Andy and Marjee Brennan and Wendy Miller. Chairman of the affair is Mrs. James Miller.